# MOJDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1866.

LETTER FROM CANSON CITY. CANYON CITY, May 11th, 1866.

EDITOR MOUNTAINEER :--- The most important event of the week in the John Day mines has Leen the advent of a small party of Chinese miners. These may be looked upon as the forerunners of a hords of these inductrious people. Heretofore the prejudices of the miners have been so violent against Chinamen that one of them stood about as much. chance here as a Tai-ping in the hands of an Imperialist in their own Celestial Empire .--The character of the diggings here, and the declining prospects of a considerable portion of the mines, has at length induced claimholders to turn their attention to the introduction of cheaper and more abundant labor, and it is probable that the result will prove the wisdom of the movement.

The bed of Canyon Greek, the flats at the mouth of the creek, and the newly discovered prospects on the main John Day River, promise well to employ thousands of laborers for years to come; that is to say, of that class who can and will work for a compensation of from \$3 to \$5 a day.

The best of Canyon Creek is yet but partially worked. The ground ranges in depth from twelve to twenty feet. In order to facilitate "stripping," expensive hoisting machinery has been erected. In all, about twenty derricks have been put up for this purpose; all of which hoist by water-power, but one-which is driven by steam. Upon an average, these derricks have cost about \$2,500, making a total of \$50,000 for this particular species of apparatus, to say nothing of the vast expense entailed in pumping, draining and opening claims. I believe it is still open to debate whether the derricks have proved more economical than wheel-barrows and ordinary hand-labor. At any rate, it seems as if the introduction of Chinese labor would do away with this cumbrous method of working the creek claims. But this will soon be demonstrated by actual experiment.

PROSPECTS ON THE MAIN JOHN DAY.

The first prospects in the main John Day River were obtained about nine miles below the mouth of Canyon Creek, and continual encouragement is derived from the developments of each week's labor. For many miles above and below where these prospects were obtained, the John Day runs through prairie uills of very irregular formation, and the river bottom is of the average width of a quarter of a mile-all of which is good meadow or arable land. Prospects have also been obtained eighteen miles below Canyon Creek, on a bas where the bed-rock is above high-water mark. Wnite it is not to be expected that all the river bottom will pay, it is pretty well settled that a large proportion of it is rich. The cepth and flatness of the ground render its development a very slow process; but even twelve fect of "stripping" will not prevent the irrepressible Chinamen from making money out of this ground, if properly directed by intelligent white men. It is to be hoped that by another year each honest miner in this country will have his dozen coolies delving in his claims. There is an eminent fit-ness in this relation of the races, which, L think, must recommend itself to the reason of every miner who looks forward to a time when he can quit his present laborious and exhausting mode of life with the means to engage in some more congenial vocation.

THE MIDDLE FORK MINES.

The mines on the Middle Fork of John Day are confined to three creeks or gulches, which empty into that stream from the north. Going

hine or ten miles below Canyon Creek, is the cinnabar lead, of which so much has been said. Some weeks since the Indians attacked two men who went up to examine the nine, and it was found necessary to send out six men with Henry rifles, and other shooting and cutting utensils, to take possession of the ground. During the last week this party has been engaged in sinking upon it, and the gratifying fact is established that the cinnabar lies in a true lead. The ore rapidly increases in richness as the miners go dowr on it, and the presumption is, that it will yield as well as the new or old mines of Idria and Almaden.

## ABOUT THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

With the advantage of some observation', and much inquiry, I arrive at the conclusion that the waters of the John Day have been less prospected than the distant section on the head-waters of Salmon River. This is easily accounted for : the population of the country is sparse, and it is quite impracticable to raise prospecting parties strong enough to traverse these mountains, infested, as they are, with the most wily and murderous Indians on the continent, As a body, miners are proverbial for recklessness; but the idea of being suddenly extinguished some amorning about daybreak is too much for even the most foolhardy. In this country, "in the midst of life we are in death," and at some unexpected moment a man is liable to be beset by half-adozen "yellow-go-nakeds," and incontinently killed in his boots by a flight of arrows, or peppered over by a rifle or a Hudson's Bay musket. On account of this unsettled state of affairs, whenever a man makes some money he usually leaves the country ; and thus, to the evils of a chronic Indian war, is added a steady and exhausting depletion of the best part of the population, and a corresponding drain on the means which would otherwise be largely applied to the discovery and development of the mines and the improvement of agricultural lands.

As a grazing country, the foothills of the Bine Mountains are not excelled by any other part of the Columbia Basin; and to an abund ance of grass and water is joined a climate by far the most moderate of any that I know in the same latitude. A sufficiency of arable land is to be found conveniently located, and nothing is wanting but the subjugation of the Indians to render these hills and valleys the Arcadia of the North-west. The f-rming interest is already very great, and solid improvements and well-cultivated fields attest the prosperity of that portion of the community. A grist-mill has been erect-ed at John Day City, at the mouth of Canyon A grist-mill has been erect-Creek, and with seven cents a pound the advantage of the Dalles market, the growth of wheat must prove the most remunerative business in the State.

### THE FALLACY OF MILITARY PROTECTION.

There is no more erroneous idea than that the military ever can or ever will subjugate the Indians. You may carry on "a war of posts" for fifty years against the Saakes, and they will still be eating government mules and citizens' cattle and horses almost in sight of the military camps. History proves that Indians never were subjugated by regular soldiery. In New England, the savages in Narragansett Swamp sunk under the unpaid prowess of the psalm-singing Puritans, and in Wisconsin, Blackhawk's warriors fied before the militin of the country, who were dressed in "butternut trowsers" and "linseywoolsey" hunting shirts. The Florida Indians were never beaten except by Gentry's Missourians, and in Texas the rangers inflicted vengeance on the Comanches, with nothing for pay and a "corn-pone" for rations. Mad Authony Wayne did defeat the Indians in Ohio, but he did not subjugate them; twenty rears after the battle on the Maumee the same indians were again defeated by Harrison with raw Kentuckians and Obioans, on the same ground. On the Spokane Plains, the confederated bands of Palouses, Spokanes and Cour d'Alenes gave battle to a superior force of regulars, and were defeated ; and if this is "subjugation," it is the one, solitary instance that occurs to my memory. But subjugation, in my opinion, means something more. It means the defeat of the Indians, the permanent occupation of their country by a pro-ductive population of whites, besides hold-ing the Indians in a position where their lives are absolutely at the mercy of their conquerors. To bring about this state of affairs, we need more population; and until we have it, occasional murders will be perpetrated by the Snakes, and occasional bands of horses and cattle will be stolen. The most that the government can do is to distribute arms amongst the miners and settlers here. As to the balance, we will have peace and security when we have in-duced a sufficient population hitherwards to occupy the mines and to cultivate the val-H. M.

The body of a man was found in the C lumbia river, at Celilo, on Saturday. The body was entirely stripped of clothing, and from appearances must have been in the water a long time. We are informed that evidence of foul play was on the body in the shape of a gun-shot wound in the left side; and that the face was so disfigured that it was impossible to recognize it. It was taken charge of by the Coroner.

The great Democratic war-horse, Benjamin Hayden, is appounced to address the citizens of the Dalles this evening, at the corner of Main and Court streets.

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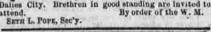
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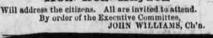
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DEHOCRATS OF DALLES CITY A SSEABLE AT THE CORNER OF MAIN & COURT Streets, THIS EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Hon. Ben. Hayden

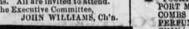


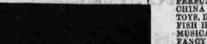


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NOTICE.





DURING MY ABSENCE Ms. W. LORD is authorized to transact my business. Any persons knowing themselves indebted to me, will please call upon him. Dalles, May 10, 1866.—my10w1 K. H. WOOD.

## NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BOUGHT the Schooner Perseverance and half the schooner Ra-pid, from Torence Quin, all dobts against the above named Boats must be presented to me by the 20th day of May. ASA STRUNG. of May. Dulles, May 3, 1866. Herald copy, 3 weeks, and send bill to this office. PROF. MURRAY'S MAGIC OIL, For Sale by .GATES & CHAPIN. ALSO, AGENTS FOR DR. DUNCAN'S Whooping Cough Specific. FRED. LIEBE, GROCERY, PROVISION, FRUIT STORE,

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down stream, they are named, respectively, Eik Creek, Deep Creek and Buck Gulch .-These creeks appear to be crossed by a range of gold-bearing rock from two to three miles up each of them, and from this rock has been disledged the heaviest humps of gold ever found in the John Day mines; but like all coarse gold countries, the pay is irregular, and a large proportion of the miners are mak-ing nothing. As a general thing, these dig-gings are shallow near the mouths of the creeks, and grow deeper as you ascend, until in the upper sections the ground has to be drifted.

Some claims, at the mouth of Elk Creek, in the main Middle Fork, have paid well, and are still paying. Good prospects have also been obtained in the river, from the mouth of Eik Greek for three or four miles down ; and if these should turn out as expected, a great field for labor will be opened. I consider the chances even that the river proves to be good. THE CINNADAS LEAD.

- 1 On the South side of the Main John Day, leys. A Preside in his profession, would be the public generality, that he has leaved the Dailes and the public generality, that he has leaved the Dailes and the public generality attributed by J. W. GURLEY, Dentist, where he can be found prepared to atnd to those requiring his professional se Owner Houns-From So'clock, A. M., to 12 M; and from o'clock, P. M. to 5 P. M. m3tf J. B. DICKERSON. Dealer in all kinds of GROCERIES & GRAIN, AT THE Lowest Cash Rates. ALSO, JOSLYN & CURTIS' BUTTER On hand, and received Fresh every week. Come One, Come All, and Give me a Call, AT CONSER & BARTER'S OLD STAND. SUPERIOR CALIFORNIA RANCH BUTTER! A Few Packages Choice, in quantities to suit at

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